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TO:

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Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear [REDACTED]

The enclosed response is per your request.

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BACKGROUND: HPSCI Staffer [REDACTED] telephoned the Office of Congressional Affairs (OCA) on 14 February regarding The New York Times article entitled "CIA Accused of Tolerating Killings in Honduras." [REDACTED] said that the article made reference to "a report that there may have been a secret US Government investigation of abuses by the Honduran security forces." He asked if the Agency is aware of such a report, and if so, could we provide HPSCI with a copy.

QUESTION: Is the Directorate of Operations (DO) aware of a report concerning a secret Government investigation of abuses by the Honduran security forces? Can we provide HPSCI with a copy of the report if it exists?

ANSWER:

There is no secret investigation being conducted by the CIA of the allegations contained in the New York Times article. The Agency has allocated considerable resources in the past and continues to do so, to develop information on allegations of Honduran Government involvement in death squad activity. We are constantly faced with the task of culling facts out of the mountain of fiction that has been written on and discussed about human rights abuses. To this end, we have recently developed new information that specifically deals with allegations of Honduran Government involvement in death squad activity. Prior to presenting it to the Committee, we have undertaken to verify all of the facts and the veracity of the source. We will be making this information available to the Committee in the coming week.

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